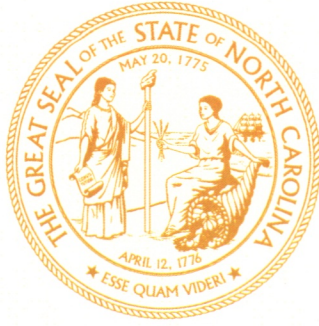




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, libraries help people of all ages learn by providing access to research, information, and government services for a variety of purposes, including education, economic and workforce development, recreation, health, and more; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer materials and programming that support and sustain year-round learning for children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide access to books, technology, the internet, and digital skills training in their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries contribute to a strong local economy by providing access to technology and training that are critical to the success of jobseekers, entrepreneurs, and students; and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries and library staff play invaluable roles in supporting their communities in person and virtually; and

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and public library services are available to North Carolina residents in all 100 counties; and

WHEREAS, libraries across North Carolina have provided programs, resources, and more as part of the America 250 commemoration; and

WHEREAS, a library card sparks creativity and empowers all people to explore new passions and interests that help people pursue a path of lifelong learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as "**LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend its observance.



A handwritten signature of Josh Stein in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

JOSH STEIN
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.